

## FIRE FIEND RAGES THRO' NORTHWEST

Many Fires in the Vicinity of Seattle and Port Angeles Menace Valuable Timber Districts.

Idaho and the Kootenay District of British Columbia Are Suffering Losses.

## RAIN THE ONLY SALVATION

Incendiarism Charged as the Origin of Some of the Destructive Fires in the Forests of the Northwest.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 13.—No less than 20 incipient, and in several instances serious, forest fires are at present raging in King county. Unless rain falls within the next few days, the whole Puget sound region will be enveloped in haze and smoke, and thousands of dollars worth of standing and cut timber will be consumed. The homes of hundreds of farmers are already in jeopardy.

### U. S. RESERVE BURNING.

Destructive Forest Fire Near Port Angeles, Wash.

Everett, Wash., Aug. 13.—A destructive forest fire is raging on the government forest reserve, 13 miles from Port Angeles, and has already destroyed millions of feet of timber. All efforts to control the fire have proved utterly futile and it is believed it will not be extinguished until the commencement of the fall rains. The fire was first discovered last Sunday by a forest ranger, who believes it to be of incendiary origin. It is now extending along the west side of Elwa river, but as it is being fanned by a heavy breeze it may jump the river and consume a large tract of valuable timber on the other side.

### FOREST FIRE IN IDAHO.

Priest Lake District Damaged and Settlers Threatened.

Spokane, Aug. 13.—A forest fire is raging in the heavily timbered district south of Priest lake, in northern Idaho, and the stage is unable to get through to the lake. Fears are expressed for settlers in that region. There is a brisk south wind and the fire may sweep over to the lake, 10 or 12 miles, doing an enormous amount of damage.

### FIRES IN THE KOOTENAYS.

Long Dry Spell Causes Great Damage to Timber and Flumes.

A dispatch to the Daily Colonist, Victoria, B. C., gives the following graphic details of the losses sustained by the lumbermen of the Kootenay country:

Nelson, B. C., Aug. 11.—Forest fires are playing havoc all over the Kootenays. Six hundred feet of waterworks flume conveying water from White Water creek, has been burned and the fires are raging over other sections of this flume, which is two miles in length. A number of prospectors in the Slocan have come in from that section, having been driven into the city by the fires in the mountains, which they declare, prevail in a number of sections. Reports from Camberne say that large conflagrations are near there. It is reported that the tramway of the Goldfinch has been destroyed and also the upper portion of the tramway of the Eva mill, which is 5000 feet in length and which cost \$12,000 and is insured for \$10,000. It is feared that the Oyster-Criterion tramway will be destroyed. The old and the new bunk houses at the Eva mine have been destroyed, inflicting about \$1500 damage. The provincial authorities are doing all that they can to suppress the fires. Never since 1886 have there been so many of the forest fires. The fires are caused by the unusually long dry spell.

### Fleet of Overdue Vessels.

San Francisco, Aug. 13.—The British ship Earmount is making a very long

trip from this port to Liverpool, being now out 162 days, with a cargo consisting of 5700 barrels of flour, valued at \$22,800, and general freight worth \$416,775. For some days the vessel has been posted as an overdue, with a rate of 10 per cent quoted for reinsurance. It will be advanced this week, in all probability, if the ship's arrival or speaking is not reported. The German bark Pioneer is making a long passage of 124 days from Buenos Ayres for Plymouth, and 35 per cent is offered for reinsurance.

On the run from Geelong, Australia, for Algoa bay, South Africa, the Norwegian bark Remonstrant has already occupied 105 days, and a rate of 25 per cent is quoted for reinsurance.

### ACCIDENT IN TUNNEL.

Fissure Allowed Sea Water to Come in to Depth of Six Feet.

New York, Aug. 13.—A small fissure in the rocks forming the roof of the tunnel now being dug under East river from Battery park to Columbia heights, Brooklyn, has caused much trouble to the workmen and finally the water leaking through reached a depth of six feet in one section before it could be controlled by pumping. The leak was only a short distance from the sea wall at the Battery. When it was discovered two pumps were started, but one broke down, allowing the water to gain rapidly. When repairs had been made the rise was quickly checked and the fissure successfully sealed. An air lock apparatus at the end of the affected section prevented the water from reaching the outer portion of the tunnel and no permanent damage was done.

### KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE.

Night Watchman Turned Car Too Suddenly and Was Crushed.

New York, Aug. 13.—Charles H. Reilly, employed in an automobile garage at East Orange, N. J., has been killed by the overturning of a machine which he had taken out secretly to entertain a party of friends.

Reilly was night watchman in the garage and invited three young men to go out for a spin. They accepted and Reilly helped himself to a big touring car. The machine was run rapidly to Vallburg where Reilly got on the wrong road and turned too suddenly. Skidding around, the heavy car turned over and pinned the watchman underneath. He died shortly afterward and his companions were arrested on a charge of larceny preferred by the owner of the garage.

### ANOTHER D. & R. G. ACCIDENT.

Engine and Cars Go Through Trestle Near Antlers.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., Aug. 13.—An east-bound freight train on the Denver & Rio Grande went through a trestle near Antlers, on the joint track of the Rio Grande & Colorado Midland. The trestle had been weakened by a cloudburst which flooded the dry arroyo which was crossed by the trestle. The locomotive passed over, but the three cars following went through the trestle and caused the locomotive to overturn. As far as can be learned no one was injured except the fireman, who is reported to have sustained a broken arm. Passenger traffic was tied up for a while.

### HAD SEVERE EARTHQUAKE.

Seismic Disturbance Felt in Parts of South America.

New York, Aug. 13.—A severe earthquake was felt Thursday at Velenar, Province of Atacama, according to a Herald dispatch from Valparaiso, Chile. It was preceded by loud subterranean noises. The earthquake caused much damage, but no fatalities have been reported. It was also felt at Iquique and Lasarena.

### LITTLE CZAR WEIGHS 10.7 POUNDS

Empress and Baby Are Getting Along Very Well.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 13.—The empress and baby czarvitch at last reports were in the best condition. The heir to the throne at birth weighed 10 7/10 pounds, English weight, and has dark hair. The christening probably will take place August 20.

### Funeral of Waldeck-Rousseau.

Paris, Aug. 13.—The funeral of M. Waldeck-Rousseau occurred today at the church of St. Cleotide. The ceremony was characterized by extreme simplicity.

## PORT ARTHUR SQUADRON DEFEATED BY JAPANESE IN BATTLE OF CENTURY

Russian Vessels Attacked While Trying to Join Vladivostok Fleet, Admiral Witheoft Being Killed.

Battleship Czarevitch Is Crippled During Action, Necessitating Second Stand on Part of Russians—Another Battle Is in Progress in Straits of Tsu, but Only Meager Details Have as Yet Been Received.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 13.—Viceroy Alexieff, in a dispatch to the emperor, gives the following report from Captain Matousevitch, later Admiral Witheoft's chief of staff:

"August 10 our Port Arthur squadron emerged from port at 9 o'clock. The squadron consisted of six battleships, four cruisers and eight torpedo boats, the Japanese opposing us with the following forces: The first detachment, consisting of five battleships and two cruisers; the second detachment, consisting of four cruisers, and the third detachment, consisting of five cruisers and one battleship, with about 30 torpedo boats.

"Our squadron maneuvered to gain a passage through the line of the enemy's ships. Meantime the Japanese torpedo boats were laying floating mines in the way of our squadron, thus rendering evolutions very difficult.

"At 1 p. m. our squadron, after 40 minutes fighting, succeeded in effecting a passage and shaped its course towards Shan Tung. The enemy caught up with us slowly and at 5 o'clock the fighting again began and continued for some hours without either side obtaining any advantage. In the fight the engines and steering gear of the Czarevitch were damaged and she was obliged to stop forty minutes. This forced the other ships to maneuver around her.

"After nightfall the Czarevitch took a southerly direction in order to attempt to reach Vladivostok under her own steam. She was attacked by torpedo boats during the night and at dawn was in the vicinity of Shan Tung. The officer commanding having determined the damage to the ship, concluded she could not make Vladivostok and proceeded to Kiau Chou for repairs.

"Those killed included Admiral Witheoft, Lieutenant Azarief and Lieutenant Dragaishevitch. Those slightly wounded included myself and eight others. A number of sailors were killed or wounded. I arrived at Kiau Chou at 9 o'clock in the evening and found the cruiser Novik and torpedo boat Bezshumi."

### ARMORED CRUISER SUNK.

Exciting Scenes Today in the Straits of Korea.

Tokio, Aug. 14.—The Russian armored cruiser Rurik has been sunk in the engagement in the straits of Korea. The armored cruisers Rossia and Gromobol escaped to the northward heavily damaged.

### Engagement in Progress.

Tokio, Aug. 14.—Noon.—The naval engagement in the straits of Korea is still in progress.

### RUSSIANS LAMENT LOSS.

Reverse of Port Arthur Squadron Sadens Their Spirits.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 13.—Not since the beginning of the war between Japan and Russia has anything so obviously affected the Russian spirits as the gradual revelation of the extent of the Port Arthur squadron's reverse. The details of Admiral Witheoft's fatal mortie are not known to the general public even at this hour, though the contents of the report of Captain

### SAD REGATTA ACCIDENT.

Launch on Potomac River Overturns and Ten Are Drowned.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Ten persons were drowned as the result of the capsizing of a naphtha launch on the Potomac river off Georgetown, during the annual Potomac regatta, this afternoon. Four others who were on the

launch escaped. All but one lived in this city.

During the first race the launch got in the way of the eight-oared shells, and its way was such that the officials reprimanded its crew and ordered them out of the way. There was some show of resentment at this order, and the launch headed for shore, but miscalculated its course and striking the

strong undertow caused by a millrace, rocked for a moment. The passengers rushed to one side and the launch turned turtle.

### PACKERS' STRIKE QUIET.

Committee Will Call on Mayor Harrison Monday.

Chicago, Aug. 13.—There were few developments in the packers' strike today and it is not probable there will be any before Monday, when the committee of retail dealers will call upon Mayor Harrison and ask him to act as mediator. The mayor declines to say what he will do until he has received the committee, but he expressed himself anxious to do anything in his power to end the strike.

### RELICS OF THE LOST ISLANDER.

Guard Rail and Stanchion Brought Down to Vancouver.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 13.—The steamer Ventura, from Skagway, this afternoon brought down part of the guard rail and a stanchion from the sunken steamer Islander, upon which Captain Finch, of the Neptune Salvage Company, is now working. The Islander now lies in 210 feet of water. The vessel's safe, which is supposed to contain a large amount of treasure, is intact, and the wrecked vessel is in an excellent state of preservation.

### Hudson's Bay Is Navigable.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 13.—Major Moodie, of the northwest mounted police, who spent last winter and spring in Hudson's bay, asserts that there is nothing to prevent properly constructed vessels from navigating to ports in Hudson's bay from the early part of June to the middle of October.

### BASEBALL.

#### Pacific Coast.

At Tacoma—Portland, 6; Tacoma, 4. At San Francisco—Seattle, 3; San Francisco, 0.

#### Pacific National.

At Spokane—Boise, 7; Spokane, 8. At Butte—Salt Lake, 1; Butte, 4.

#### American.

At Cleveland—Philadelphia, 2; Cleveland, 7.

At Detroit—First game, Washington, 2; Detroit, 4. Second game, Washington, 2; Detroit, 1.

At Chicago—New York, 3; Chicago, 2. (Called in third inning.)

At St. Louis—Boston, 1; St. Louis, 4.

#### National.

At Boston—Pittsburg, 0; Boston, 1.

At Brooklyn—St. Louis, 1; Brooklyn, 3.

At Philadelphia—First game, Chicago, 5; Philadelphia, 0. Second game, Chicago, 0; Philadelphia, 4.

### Find Three More Bodies.

Pueblo, Colo., Aug. 13.—Three more bodies of the victims of the Eden disaster were recovered today and all identified. The list of identified dead now numbers 83.

### HE HAD NO CHANCE.

Ex-Congressman James D. Richardson of Tennessee, who has given up politics for Masonic activities, delights to tell stories about the great American game. "I had a friend," related the congressman recently to a group of listeners, "who was a cotton planter near New Orleans. One evening he boarded a Mississippi river steamboat bound north. Becoming lonesome, my friend began looking for a little game of draw. He was not long in finding it, and sat in. He lost from the start, and as the game progressed the stakes kept getting higher. About 4 o'clock in the morning my friend began to realize that his chances of getting even with that game were slim, when just then the steamboat whistle blew loud and long. The planter pushed his chair back from the table and said: 'Gentlemen, I have played in this hyar game all night. I have lost and have nothing to say on that account; but I'll bet \$100 that I can holler louder than the whistle on this boat.' The stakes were put up and one of the gamblers hastened to the engineer and bribed him to put on all the steam possible. The party repaired to the deck. The whistle was blown. The planter smiled, but his voice was not heard. 'Gentlemen,' said the victim of the poker sharks, 'in this hyar yellin' contest I lost my money fa'r and squar'; but I had a better chance to win than I had in that pokah game I sat in all night."

### DESTROYER IS BLOWN UP.

Was First Beached on South Shan Tung Promontory.

London, Aug. 13.—A dispatch from Wei Hai Wei says the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Bural was beached August 12 on south Shan Tung promontory and blown up. Three of her officers and 60 men have arrived at Wei Hai Wei.

### FIGHTING THIS MORNING.

Engagement of Naval Forces Near the Tsu Islands.

Tokio, Aug. 14.—The protected cruiser Takushiko has reported by wireless telegraph to the admiralty at the Takeshiki naval establishment that the Japanese squadron was engaging the Vladivostok fleet off Tsu islands, in the strait of Corea, at 5 o'clock this (Sunday) morning.

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## WOULD CUT HIS THROAT FOR REMARK

Congressman Champ Clark Creates Sensation While Delivering Political Speech at New Albany, Ind.

Man in Crowd Calls Him a Liar and He Issues Public Challenge to Him

## OVER THE TAYLOR INCIDENT

Clark Dubs Him an Assassin and When Taken to Task He Threatens to Murder Man in the Crowd.

New Albany, Ind., Aug. 13.—"If the man who just called me a liar will meet me outside the park when I finish my speech, I will cut his throat from ear to ear!"

This declaration came from Congressman Champ Clark, of Missouri, during the course of a political speech delivered by the congressman at this city today. Congressman Clark was livid with rage at the designation which had been hurled at him by some one in the crowd, and in a moment of great passion expressed himself as above noted.

Congressman Clark had been scheduled to meet Congressman Charles B. Landis, of Illinois, in joint debate before the Chautauqua assembly here. The meeting drew a large crowd. During Congressman Landis' speech some one in the crowd called out:

"Where's Bill Taylor?" (referring to the former governor of Kentucky, who fled from that state to escape prosecution for murder.)

Landis replied: "He is in Indiana, and will stay there until he gets justice."

When Clark took the platform he referred to Taylor as an assassin, charging that the republicans of Indiana were protecting a man who ought to be hanged. Continuing, he said:

"The republicans want to rule this country by assassination."

When the congressman gave voice to this expression some one in the crowd called out:

"That's not true; you're a liar!"

Instantly Clark's face colored up. The remark roused his ire, and then came his challenge. When Clark delivered himself of his bitter retort, the crowd hissed him.

### MORTGAGE FOR \$3,000,000.

Covers 140 Miles of Electric Railway in Indiana.

Chicago, Aug. 13.—A dispatch to the Tribune from South Bend, Ind., says: A mortgage for \$3,500,000 has been filed by Walter C. Nelson of Chicago, president of the Northern Traction Company of Indiana. The mortgage covers 130 miles of electric railway which it is proposed to construct, 90 miles in Indiana and 40 miles in Illinois.

### Tremont Will Sail Saturday.

Seattle, Aug. 13.—When the Boston Steamship Company's liner Tremont sails on Saturday morning she will carry 14,000 tons of freight for the orient, including a vast amount of food stuffs for Japan. In the cargo are 280,000 sacks, or 14,000,000 pounds of flour, mostly loaded at Tacoma, of which 190,000 sacks are going to China and the remainder to Japan. The vessel also will carry about 400 tons of field supplies for the army in the Philippines, but no arms or ammunition.

### MAJOR DELMAR MADE 2:02 1/4.

World's Trotting Record Equalled by Champion Gelding.

New York, Aug. 13.—Major Delmar, champion trotting gelding, equalled the world's record of 2:02 1/4 held by Croesus, at Empire track, this afternoon in an exhibition race.

Portland, Aug. 13.—Western Oregon and eastern Washington, Sunday, fair; not so warm. Eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and Idaho, fair and continued warm.